



## CANCER BURDEN

In 2003, the American Cancer Society estimates<sup>1</sup>

- 1,334,100 new cancer cases will be diagnosed in the United States, including 3,100 in Vermont.
- 556,500 cancer deaths will occur in the United States, including 1,300 in Vermont.

The average annual age-adjusted mortality rate for cancer deaths per 100,000 persons<sup>2</sup>

**Vermont:** 204.0    **National:** 202.3

*Vermont ranks 29<sup>th</sup> highest overall in cancer mortality rates among the 50 states and Washington, D.C.*

### LUNG CANCER

In 2003, the American Cancer Society estimates<sup>1</sup>

- 400 new cases of lung cancer will be diagnosed among men and women in Vermont.
- 400 men and women will die of lung cancer in Vermont.

The average annual age-adjusted mortality rates for lung cancer deaths per 100,000 persons, by race, 1996–2000<sup>3</sup>

	Vermont	National
Overall	55.6	56.8
White	55.7	56.7
Black	-	66.4
Hispanic	-	25.4
Asian/Pacific Islander	-	28.5
American Indian/Alaska Native	-	37.2

### BREAST CANCER

In 2003, the American Cancer Society estimates<sup>1</sup>

- 500 new cases of breast cancer will be diagnosed among women in Vermont.
- 100 women will die of breast cancer in Vermont.

The average annual age-adjusted mortality rates for breast cancer deaths per 100,000 persons, by race, 1996–2000<sup>3</sup>

	Vermont	National
Overall	27.2	27.7
White	27.4	27.2
Black	-	35.9
Hispanic	-	17.8
Asian/Pacific Islander	-	12.5
American Indian/Alaska Native	-	14.9

### COLORECTAL CANCER

In 2003, the American Cancer Society estimates<sup>1</sup>

- 400 new cases of colorectal cancer will be diagnosed among men and women in Vermont.
- 200 men and women will die of colorectal cancer in Vermont.

The average annual age-adjusted mortality rates for colorectal cancer deaths per 100,000 persons, by race, 1996–2000<sup>3</sup>

	Vermont	National
Overall	24.0	21.2
White	24.1	20.7
Black	-	28.5
Hispanic	-	14.2
Asian/Pacific Islander	-	13.1
American Indian/Alaska Native	-	14.7

### PROSTATE CANCER

In 2003, the American Cancer Society estimates<sup>1</sup>

- 300 new cases of prostate cancer will be diagnosed among men in Vermont.
- Estimate is 50 or fewer deaths.

The average annual age-adjusted mortality rates for prostate cancer deaths per 100,000 persons, by race, 1996–2000<sup>3</sup>

	Vermont	National
Overall	32.1	32.9
White	32.0	30.2
Black	-	73.0
Hispanic	-	24.3
Asian/Pacific Islander	-	13.9
American Indian/Alaska Native	-	21.9

<sup>1</sup> Source: American Cancer Society Facts and Figures, 2003. Estimates exclude more than a million cases of basal and squamous cell skin cancers and in situ cancers, except urinary bladder, that will be diagnosed in 2003. Lung cancer rates include bronchus cancer. Vermont death totals were rounded to nearest 100.

<sup>2</sup> Source: CDC National Center for Health Statistics, vital statistics data, underlying cause of death, 1996–2000. Death rates are per 100,000 and are age-adjusted to the 2000 U.S. standard population.

<sup>3</sup> Hyphens represent suppression of rates when there were 75,000 or fewer persons in the denominator or 20 or fewer deaths in the numerator.